



L-R: Crystal Burrows, Angie Laney, Tenisha Tidwell, Justin Hughes, Ashley Laney, Jessica Parks.

Area students compete in STAR events

On Saturday, March 1, 1997, six area high school students competed in the Alabama Association of the Future Homemakers of America State STAR Events. STAR Events is an acronym for Students Taking Action for Recognition. These are competitive events which recognize members for proficiency and achievement in individual and chapter projects, leadership skills and occupational preparation. Students competing from Coffee County included: Jessica Parks, Beef Cookoff Contest, Elba High School; Angie Laney, Reading a Story, Zion Chapel High School; Crystal Burrows, Reading a Story; Tenisha Tidwell, Job Interview.

Mrs. Sasser's 5th grade 4-H Club meets

Mrs. Sasser's 5th grade 4-H meeting was held Jan. 10, beginning at 1:05 p.m. Whitney Liprot and Betsy Adkinson led in singing "America" and "Do Your Ears Hang Low?" and "Jonah McWaters read January's devotionals." Jeremy Eddins, vice-president, led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge; Ashley Smith called roll and read minutes of the last meeting. There was no old business. New business included the following: Anna Miller was first-place winner in the woodworking contest with Whitney Liprot placing second. Ashley Smith and Anna Miller received certificates for participating in the Christmas ornament activity. Jeremy Eddins, vice-president, introduced the program for the meeting which was about 4-H record books.

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Accelerated Reader Program offered at Elba Elementary School

At Elba Elementary School Accelerated Reader 25 Point Club members receive a no homework pass and the privilege of having their pictures in *The Elba Clipper*.

At the end of the six weeks, Accelerated Reader 50 Point Club members celebrate with an ice cream sundae party off campus. The fourth six weeks 50 Point Club members celebrated together with Mr. Mickey McCollough, assistant principal, serving ice cream sundaes at the picnic tables across from the superintendent's office.

The 75 Point Club members for the fourth six weeks earned lunch with Mrs. Judy Killingsworth, principal, at Pizza Hut.

Mr. Charles Pearce, superintendent of Elba City Schools, treated the 100 Point Club members with lunch at Pizza Hut. The members chose Pizza Hut as the place they wished to go for lunch.

The 150 Point Club members earned the privilege of being an aide for a half day. These students chose to work in the library with the Book Fair.

Mrs. Joanie Doggett and Mrs. Elaine Martin, librarian and library aide, have been the keys to the great success of the Accelerated Reader Program at Elba Elementary School. They have administered the computer tests and kept records of all students.

SouthTrust introduces home equity loan line campaign

SouthTrust has introduced a home equity line campaign which features one of the lowest interest rates available, same day approval and timely closings, announced Ted Roberts, CEO for SouthTrust Bank.

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"Homeowners are using their equity lines in a variety of ways including remodeling, bill consolidation, and to finance college tuition," added Roberts.

Customers wishing to request information or make application over the telephone, should call 1-800-CALL-STB (1-800-225-5782) from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, Central Time.

MacArthur State President's & Dean's List announced

Seventy-nine students maintained "A" averages during Winter Quarter 1996-97, qualifying them to be listed on the MacArthur State Technical College President's List. Local honorees include: Jake Batchelor, Huey Daniels and Ethel Mae Tillis, all of Elba, AL; Rebecca Dickey of Glenwood, AL; Marshall Edwards, Helen Sanson, Marjorie Sanson, Ashley Simmons, Pamela Thompson, and Diane K. Wilson, all of Kinston, AL.

Seventy-nine students maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above during Winter Quarter 1996-97, qualifying them to be listed on the MacArthur State Technical College Dean's List. Local honorees include: Michael Cotton and Nancy Woods, both of Elba, AL; Kellie Henderson of Glenwood, AL; Richard Fleming, Casey Grace, Brian Hawthorne, and William Hawthorne, all of Kinston, AL; Jason Edwards and Jamie Lowry, both of New Brockton, AL.

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25 POINT CLUB MEMBERS... Pictured above are the 25 Point Club members. They are Blake Brunson, Kim Bess, Karrie Copeland, Rashad Robinson, Slawnda Whitfield, Christy Eubanks, Ryan Gibbs, Marquize Tyson, Duke Carr, Britney Clark, Josh Burke, Kristi Spinks, Ricky Marler, Laguna Mack, Dustin Rhoades, Todd Kelley, Brandy Kelley, Matthew Curran, Richard Barlow, Shawna Hill, Amanda Richardson, Denise Ware, Taylor McGuire, April Burks, Jennifer Grissett, Doug Turnbull, Reese Stricklin, Will Barnes, Jennifer Smith, and Ashleigh Waddell.



50 POINT CLUB MEMBERS... Pictured above are the 50 Point Club members. They are Christopher Brunson, Michael Bryan, Colby Skinner, Larry Conely, Katrina Farris, Zach Praytor, Justin Allen, Timothy Jackson, Chris Bryant, Ralston Moore, Justin Hall, Summer McDonald, Anthony Parrish, Mary Katherine Head, Aaron Harrellson, and Lewis Johnson.

Senior citizens still receive tuition waivers at ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College's Senior Adult Scholarship Program is still active.

This special program automatically waives tuition for college credit courses for any student who is 60 years of age or older, and who meets the admission standards of the college and program.

To be admitted to the college, interested persons must have a high school diploma or a GED Certificate of High School completion. An interested person must pick up an Admissions Application form and Request for Transcripts form from the Admissions Office in the Administration Building, or call 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234.

After completion, the Admissions Application form must be returned to the Admissions Office. The Request for Transcripts form should be mailed to the high school attended or to all colleges previously attended.

Finally, the Guidance Services Office must be contacted at Ext. 295, concerning the ASSET Placement Test. Purpose of this exam is to insure students are not under- or over-challenged in reading, English, and math skills.

The Senior Adult Scholarships apply only to credit courses in which space is available and only to tuition, not fees nor books and supplies. Senior citizens granted a tuition waiver under this program may receive the waiver only one time per course.

Spring Quarter classes begin March 25, so anyone 60 years of age or older who is interested in taking credit courses at ESJC should be admitted and registered now. For more information call 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234.

NEW AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

Air Force Airman Amy D. Farris has graduated from the physical therapy apprentice course at Shepherd Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Farris is the daughter of John B. and Grace C. Farris of Elba, AL. She is a 1992 graduate of New Brockton High School.

BE CAREFUL!



75 POINT CLUB MEMBERS... Pictured above are the 75 Point Club Members. They are Lonzo Cooks, Michael Conely, Brandon Behrens, Emily Paul, Joseph Chandler, and Colby Skinner.



100 POINT CLUB MEMBERS... Pictured above are the 100 Point Club Members. They are: Front Row, L-R: Justin Watkins, Casey Medlock, Joseph Chandler; Back Row, L-R: Deann Smith, Brandon Petty, Colby Capps, Julian Coleman (Not pictured - Carla Roberts)



150 POINT CLUB MEMBERS... Pictured above are the 150 Point Club Members. They are Bart Barnes, Sheena Flowers, Freddy Mallory, Carla Roberts, Billy Gibson, and Elizabeth Farris.

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Elba City Council rejects street sweeper bids

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council on Monday night lasted about an hour. The only item causing any discussion was the already once delayed letting of bids on a new street sweeper.

Approved was an increased health insurance premium, a zoning board appointment, a paving contract, leasing some old school property and approving a list of volunteer firemen.

The city clerk also updated council members on the status of ongoing projects and Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reviewed police department actions for the past two weeks.

Council members heard Mayor James Grimes report on negotiations with the two street sweeper bidders. He recommended the council approve the bid of Sanson Equipment Co for an Elgin sweeper at a cost of \$71,064. The other bidder, Truck Equipment Co bid \$71,606 on a Johnson sweeper.

The new bid figures were after removal of several items, including one or two specified in the bid request.

After Council member John Sharpless questioned the legality of the action in light of the changes,

City Attorney Jeff Kelley recommended the city reject both bids and start over.

The council quickly agreed. City Clerk Donnie Morrow proposed that each company demonstrate their equipment in Elba before the next bid opening. They agreed.

The mayor reported on his efforts to lower the proposed increase in employee health insurance premiums. He noted that with minor changes the proposed \$19,687 increase had been reduced to \$13,488 - a drop of \$6,199. Two-thirds of this is paid by the city and the balance by the employee.

Changes in the insurance package include increasing the major medical threshold from \$200 to \$300; eliminating the 4th quarter carry-over and increasing the outpatient co-pay from \$50 to \$75.

The council accepted a recommendation by the mayor and unanimously voted to appoint Joyce Coleman to the Planning & Zoning Board. She will fill an unexpected term created by the resignation last year of Lamar Kelley.

Jackie Dodge addressed the council concerning a request to lease land behind the Junior High wing of the former high school to construct an arena to host horse shows. They also want one room in the building as a clubhouse house. Hodge is president of the South Alabama Horse Association. He noted they would be providing wholesome family entertainment.

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council members a drawing of the new police emblem. They approved the concept and were told it would be used as the uniform patch and on the police cars.

The department, which answered 29 complaints and made 27 arrests, also responded to two 44 mm grenade launcher rounds found at the intersection of Jones and Reynolds Street.

The chief said the two shells were in his office, awaiting pick-up by Ft. Rucker officials.

At the request of Whitworth, and with the mayor's recommendation, the council approved a new contract/grant request with the 12th District Drug Task Force. This will be with 7525 matching federal funds. Whitworth said the council would be asked to see CITY, Page 14



1997 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS... Pictured above are the 1997 officers for the Elba Chamber of Commerce. They are (L-R): seated - Barbara Hudson, Executive Director of the Chamber and Melba Hollinghead, president; standing - Gary Allen, 1st vice president, Betsy Brunson, secretary; Kenneth Calhoun, treasurer; and Jerry Kelley, 1st vice president.

County Commission signs garbage contract

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

The majority of Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission was routine - opening and awarding bids.

Commissioners awarded the bid for collecting the county's garbage to Mark Dunning Industries, Inc. of Dothan, AL.

This bid was tabled from the March 10th meeting in order to allow the landfill committee to review the bids received.

Dunning's bid was low at \$8.23 per month per household in the county. Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley noted that county residents are currently paying \$8.98 per month with option in the present contract for yearly increases.

Grimsley stated that the Dunning bid of \$8.23 will remain constant (no increase) for three years.

"I think we have come up with a real good contract and I would like to commend our landfill committee for working on this and putting this contract together," said Grimsley. "I think our residents will be real pleased with this new contract."

The commission voted unanimously to sign the three-year contract which will become effective October 1, 1997.

During the discussion of the motion to accept the bid, Commissioner Bernest Brooks asked if there was a provision for ending this contract should the county decide to collect its own garbage.

The county's attorney, Kenneth Fuller, responded to Brooks' question with, "This contract is for three years."

The bid for pipe for the county highway department was awarded to Choctaw Incorporated of Montgomery, AL. Their bid total on bituminous coated steel pipe was \$16,880.66, and on galvanized steel, it was \$6,058.30.

The only bids received on the undergarment repair on two county dozers, a D6H and D8N, were from Tractor & Equipment Company of

Montgomery.

The bid for the repairs on the D8N was \$23,165.64 while the bid on the D6H was \$19,777.85.

After being reviewed by the county engineering department, the bids were tabled due to some inconsistencies found in the bids.

An item of business which drew several minutes of discussion was the hiring of a maintenance supervisor for the county.

Chairman Grimsley requested that a resolution be passed by the commission giving him the authority, as chairman, to appoint a committee to screen the applicants for the job. More than thirty individuals have applied for the job.

The resolution specified that the applicants be screened down by the committee, to a minimum of three individuals and no more than five. These would then be presented to the commission for interviewing and final selection.

Commissioner Brooks made the motion that the chairman's requested resolution be passed.

Commissioner Stephens made a motion to amend Brooks' motion specifying that all seven commissioners be on the screening committee.

During the discussion of the motion amendment, Stephens commented, "I think we've all worked together in making these selections...I think that is what the people elected us for."

Commissioner Brooks questioned the county on the legality of the screening committee. Attorney Fuller responded, "That's a discretionary decision Mr. Brooks. There's nothing illegal about it. The commission can approach it any way they want to. Either way will be fine."

Stephens' motion to amend the original motion failed in a 3-4 vote. Commissioners Grimsley, Brooks, Doug Dalrymple and Len Averett

Elba pageants set for April

Four Elba pageants are coming up for April, to be held at Elba High School auditorium.

Added to Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Elba will be Future Little Miss Elba.

Future Little Miss and Little Miss pageants will be held Friday, April 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

Requirements for Future Little Miss Elba are that contestants will be 4 or 5 years old and not yet entered first grade. Attire will be Sunday dress. Registration deadline for Future Little Miss Elba is April 8.

Registration forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office (City Hall), the elementary school office and various day care offices. No registration fee is required.

Enclosing the Future Little Miss and Little Miss Elba pageants will be the reigning Miss Alabama, Alison McCreary. Miss McCreary will also perform at these two pageants.

Miss McCreary was third runner-up in the Miss America pageant. She is a graduate of Coffee High



Alison McCreary
MISS ALABAMA 1996

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** HAPPENINGS **

COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE. The Westside Baptist Men will host the annual Community Easter Sunrise Service on March 28, 1997 at 5:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served following the service. The speaker for the service this year will be Rev. Marvin Ennis, pastor of Elba United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend the service and breakfast.

AUTOGRAPH SESSION. Elba native author Bob Imman will be in Elba Saturday afternoon, March 29, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock at Whitman Drug to sign his new book "Dairy Queen Days."

LITTLE MISS ELBA PAGEANT. The Little Miss Elba Pageant is scheduled for Friday, April 18, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. Alison McCreary, Miss Alabama 1996, will be emcee and also provide entertainment. Little Miss Peanut 1996 Kelli Calhoun will also be performing at the pageant. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, April 8. Registration forms are available at the Elba Elementary School Office and at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For additional information call the Chamber Office at 897-3125.

MISS & JR. MISS ELBA PAGEANT. The Miss and Junior Miss Elba Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. Carrie Johnson, of WSAF-TV's "Today in Alabama" will emcee the event. Rob and Kelly Hudson of Nashville will be providing entertainment. Deadline for registration is Monday, April 7. Registration forms are available at the Elba High School Office and at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For additional information call the Chamber Office at 897-3125.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Blasting the education system is almost as much fun and done about as universally as blasting the IRS. However, there appears to be little we can do about the Internal Revenue Service, but there are ways of improving the school systems as we perceive them. Sunday's Parade magazine carried a two page article on the subject. The writer is Vartan Gregorian, president of Brown University and soon to be head of the Carnegie Corporation. He lists ten "suggestions for everyone who is concerned about how well our children are learning." We feel strongly about America's children and the future of society, the human race, etc. Therefore, we are listing Dr. Gregorian's ten points here in hopes it will help our educators get the attention, help, and participation of society they need to accomplish these lofty goals. The suggestions in bold type are his, the items in the brackets () are ours or condensed from the two page article.

1. Visit your schools (and that doesn't mean once a year).
2. Involve the grandparents (especially important in cases of single parents).
3. Make the public school a magnet for the community (that means hold social and community functions in school buildings.) Our area schools have done this for generations.
4. Volunteer to help in your school. (This means parents doing any thing necessary to free teachers to be teachers.)
5. Read to your (young) children (Dr. Gregorian says nothing is more important than this and we agree!) We have seen first hand the difference between children who had parents reading to them and those children who didn't get that benefit.
6. Give every school child a library card. (this means the public library and we can boost of a good selection of books available here).
7. Organize and attend shows that the children put on. (this may mean giving up a golf game or some favorite TV show, but it is worth it.)
8. Recognize that too much television has a terrible effect. (This one is probably going to be hard to enforce, but it can be done ... we suggest going back to 5.)
9. Let our children go. (Schools should take children on expeditions, and not just to a museum or zoo. They will benefit greatly from a day at the bank, hospital or factory.)
10. Restore the arts as a major element in education. (This will strain budgets as the cost of art, music and dance are added to the ball team expense, but they teach creativity AND HOW TO THINK! Business and industry are crying for more of this trait).

In closing we ask you consider the above suggestions before you (we) voice any further criticism of the public schools, or more particularly the product they are turning out.

If you want more or have input into this matter, you can write: "Education Reform," Annenberg Institute for School Reform, Brown University, Box 1985, Providence, RI 02912

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

On the front page of last week's edition of *The Elba Clipper*, in the article concerning the conviction of a former Elba attorney, the Roger Wise mentioned in the article IS NOT Roger D. Wise of Route 3, Box 37, Elba, AL. Also the Dennis Weeks IS NOT Dennis L. Weeks of Route 4 Box 480, Elba, AL.

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2923. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

MARCH 17 Thru MARCH 23, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 17, 1997, investigated the following incidents: two attempted suicides, three thefts of property, two dog bites, one rape, three harassments, three DUIs, one criminal trespass, one criminal mischief, one visitation restraint, and one dog-at-large complaint.

Arrests were as follows: two for harassment, one for harassing communication, one for VFL, and one for criminal trespass.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: four for speeding and three for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, MARCH 17 - River stage - 6.55 feet (6:09 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to grass fire on Co. Rd. 342 (12:43 p.m.); Rescue run to Morrow Village (1:13 p.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) in Morrow Village (9:18 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 - Rescue run to a residence on N. Claxton Ave. (1:53 a.m.); River stage - 6.27 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm at The Big Little Store West (8:39 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (10:07 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Harper St. (11:14 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Plant Ave. (6:47 p.m.); Wreck reported on Plant Ave. (6:49 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Payne St. (10:20 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 - Alarm at Car Quest (3:20 a.m.); River stage - 6.09 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm at The Jewel Box (8:02 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (8:33 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (10:19 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 206 (1:29 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Farris St. (2:07 p.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) at Elba Villas (3:25 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 - River stage - 6.24 feet (6:35 a.m.); Alarm at The Jewel Box (8:02 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Williams St. (3:21 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 21 - Alarm at The Jewel Box (1:06 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Forest Lake Drive (5:33 a.m.); River stage - 6.37 feet (6:17 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Neil Graham Dr. (10:57 a.m.); Prowler reported on Martin

REPORT A CRIME CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of March 18, 1997 through March 24, 1997. They were: Jewel Ward, Sean Warren, Kenneth Johnson, Helen Cook, Fredrick Russ, Colton Creel, Willie Wilson, Sylvia Thomas, Ricky Hill, John Carr, Sara Smith, John B. Johnson, Vonnie Tindol, Betty Sams, Anita Spears, Charlotte Hobson, Hazel Parker, J. Z. Scott, Kristie Edwards, Joe Mac Russell, and Richard Kyles. Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Anita Spears, Willie Wilson, John Carr, Fredrick Russ, Kristie Edwards, Charlotte Hobson, Ricky Hill, Betty Sams, Melissa Bowden, Alberta Martin, Colton Creel, Sean Warren, Helen Cook, Jewel Ward, Sylvia Thomas, and Kenneth Johnson.

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ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:00 p.m. - City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m. - City Hall
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD 1st Thru 5:30 p.m. - Sup. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thru - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASSONIC LODGE 178 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
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AARP Meet every 1st Tuesday night of the month
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Covington Electric Cooperative to hold annual meeting

The 1997 membership meeting of Covington Electric Cooperative will be held Thursday, April 10, at the Andalusia Kwanza Fair building.

Registration of members will begin at 3 p.m., with entertainment to follow around 5 and business session at 7 p.m.

Major attendance prizes will be a 1990 Ford 1/2-ton truck; microwave oven; VCR; 21-in color TV; electric grill with rotisserie; and \$100 cash.

Entertainment will be provided by Gold City, a Southern Gospel music group.

During the business session, a brief report on operations of the cooperative will be presented, and

two members will be elected to three-year terms on the board of trustees to represent Districts I and II.

To be voted on for possible election to the board are District I - R.R. "Bud" Johnson and Richard Kimbro, both of Doxler; and District II - Ken Nichols and Cecil Blue, both of Andalusia.

Registered members must be present to win any of the six major prizes, but do not have to be present to win any of the 30 or more other prizes to be awarded.

Each member registering will receive a FREE light bulb and other useful gifts.

Concession stands will be operated by the Covington County Shrine Club.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Tort reform bills passed by State House

by Sen. Dwight Adams

As the legislative session began last month, it appeared that we might have a good chance to pass meaningful tort reform legislation that would bring Alabama into line with our neighboring states concerning large punitive damages and frivolous lawsuits.

Unlike last year, Gov. James announced that he was supportive of a package of bills crafted by legal experts and business leaders that would limit punitive damages and damages for mental anguish as well as improve the laws on civil and criminal fraud.

While these bills are not a total solution to the various problems that the small businesses in our area face every day, they appear to be a good first step in beginning the process of real, meaningful tort reform.

Progress continued as the Alabama House of Representatives moved the bills through the lower chamber with overwhelming support. The bills were then sent to the Senate.

That was three weeks ago and since that time the process of tort reform has once again stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee where similar bills were killed last year by Senators friendly to plaintiff lawyers.

Even though the Lt. Gov. has attempted to distance himself in recent days from the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association and the misleading advertising they are running, it is clear that he is the person who has the position and influence to move the process along so that the bills can be considered by the full Senate.

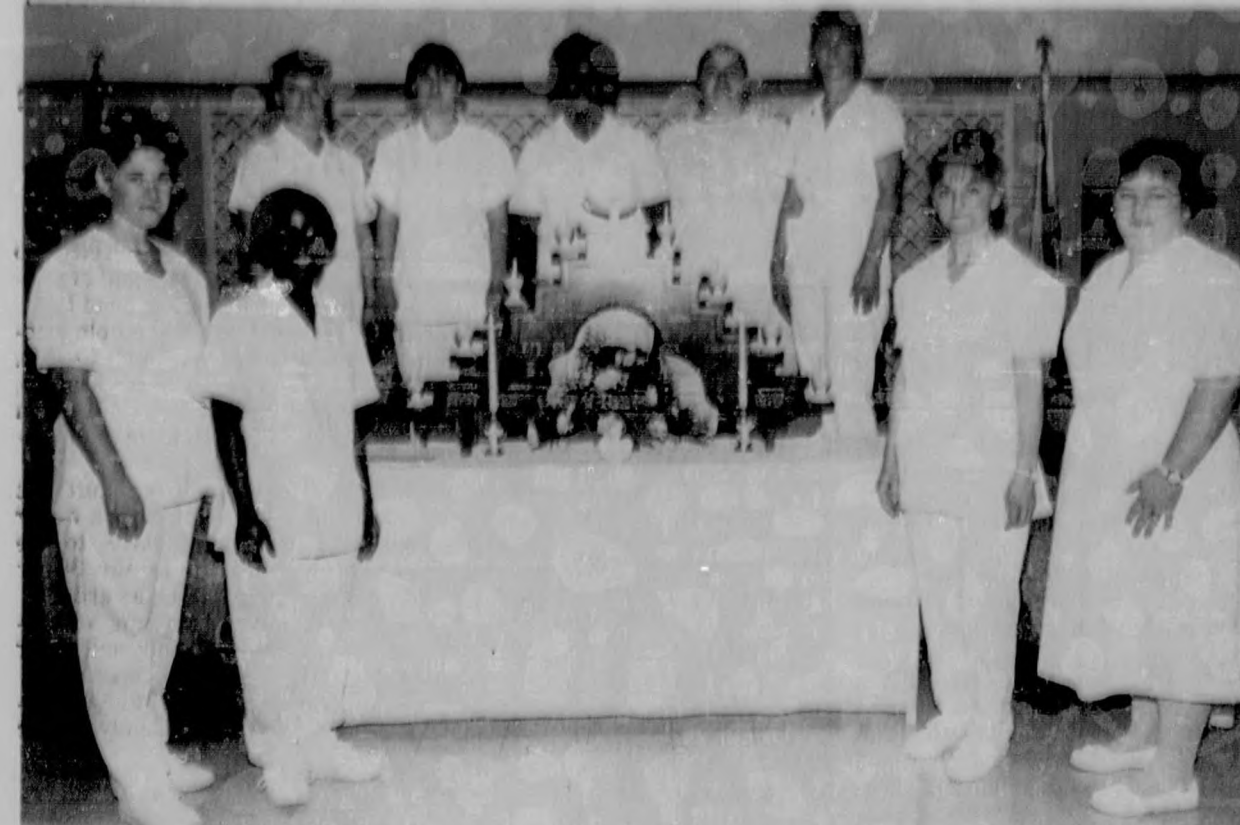
On a brighter note, I was pleased recently when the Alabama Supreme Court moved swiftly in re-instating a key element of our tort laws that had been dismantled during the tenure of Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Sorny Hornsby.

"Reasonable reliance" is a legal term that applied in Alabama for 140 years before the Hornsby Court in recent years began dismantling our civil laws. The Alabama Supreme Court reinstated "reasonable reliance" in a way that is almost identical to provisions included in the legislative package passed by the Alabama House. The court action showed that the package before the Alabama Legislature is fair, equitable and in the mainstream.

Even though I applaud the High Court for its action, it is unfortunate that this and other tort issues are not handled by the Alabama Legislature. That is why it is important for you to let the Governor and others know about your support for resolving this important issue.

Alabama should not lose new jobs because of growth because companies do not want to do business in our state because of our lawsuit problem. Of equal importance, no Alabama consumer should be intentionally wronged, harmed or defrauded without the guilty party being firmly punished.

As a state, we should not have to "wait until next year" to resolve this problem. The Alabama House



Graduates of the Nursing Assistant Program at MacArthur State Technical College were honored during a pinning ceremony held February 27 at MacArthur. Graduates of the program include, front row, L-R: Bettie Bowers, Opp; Sandra Flowers, Elba; Glenda Hurst, Opp; and Terri Henry, Andalusia. Back row, L-R: Hope Yuyovich, Andalusia; Tracy Atwell, Enterprise; Lillie May, Troy; Phyllis Adams, Opp; and Diana Lindholm, Opp.

New Brockton Elementary receives grant from APC



Shown presenting the check on behalf of the Alabama Power Company is John McLean. Accepting the check for the school are the writers of the proposal, Ann Allison, 6th grade teacher, and Lynn Baker, Counselor. Principal, Charles B. Cole, looks on.

New Brockton Elementary School recently received a grant from the Alabama Power Company Foundation, totaling \$1,999. The grant will fund the STAR Program (Standardized Test for Assessment of Reading).

STAR is designed to discover a student's instructional reading level immediately and with ease. The program allows teachers to monitor a class' progress and make adjustments to improve reading proficiency with confidence and accuracy.

It was created to correlate with the Accelerated Reader Program and Windows-based computer instruction provided through local school budgeting and the P.T.O. of New Brockton Elementary School.

This project will add an extra dimension to these existing programs, thus allowing educators to further raise test scores and improve instruction.

Through the Education Grant Program, the Alabama Power Foundation has awarded 680 grants totaling over \$1.4 million over the past seven years.

AREA DEATHS

VONNIE MAE TINDOL
Mrs. Vonnie Mae Tindol, age 77, of Elba, died March 25, 1997, in Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services are being held today (Thursday), March 27, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in the Old Tabernacle Cemetery.

Mrs. Tindol was a lifelong resident of Coffee County and was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Tindol, and a son, S.H. Tindol.

Survivors include two daughters: Wanda Tindol Smith, Bell Buckle, Tenn.; Tanya Tindol Khaylon, Enterprise; two sons: Tom Tindol and Jackey Tindol, both of Elba; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MRS. CARRIE COLSTON
Mrs. Carrie Colston died March 16, 1997. She was born Oct. 17, 1914 in Butler County, Ala., to the late Ms. Salonia Mount.

Funeral services were held March 19, 1997, at 1 p.m. from Nazareth Baptist Church, Opp, with Rev. W.H. Bass officiating. Burial was in Hardin Street Cemetery, with Virgil Coleman Mortuary, Elba, directing.

Survivors include four daughters: Maple (Lawrence) Nelson; Alice White; Jeanette (Joe) Merrills; and Marion (friend Jenkin Logan) Colston, All of Opp; one son, Isaac Colston, Opp; one sister, Mary Willis, Opp; one brother, John Henry (Gladys) Franklin, Opp; one brother-in-law, Lewis Colston, Detroit, Mich.; three sisters-in-law: Creits

Colston and Laura Colston, both of Detroit, Mich.; and Verneil Colston of Nacogdoches, Tex.; 22 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

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Emily Fuller celebrates third birthday



Emily Fuller

Festival at the Well to be held at Glenwood

The Fourth Annual Festival at the Well will be held Saturday, May 17, in Glenwood, sponsored by the Flowing Well Foundation.

The day will be filled with enjoyment for the entire family, including arts and crafts, automobile show, toddlers and children's pageants, day-long entertainment, logging contest, and concluding with an old-fashioned street dance with "Patsalaghi."

Applications are being accepted for artists and crafters and the automobile show.

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*OFF-SITE SHELTER (MOTEL)	60	61
*ON-SITE MEALS SERVED	2,998	5,597
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Crystal Leigh Cooper

Crystal Leigh Cooper celebrates ninth birthday

Crystal Leigh Cooper celebrated her ninth birthday with a party at her home on March 15.

Her birthday was March 17.

Helping her celebrate were her family and friends.



Michael Farris

Farris receives scholarship to UWA

Michael Farris, a senior at Kinston High School, has been selected to receive a Trustee Award from The University of West Alabama, according to a recent announcement by the scholarship committee.

The Trustee's Award, part of the scholarship program at The University of West Alabama, was awarded to Michael for his outstanding academic performance in high school and above average college entrance examination grades.

The award is a four-year scholarship to The University of West Alabama.

Michael is the son of Mike Farris and Linda Hudson of Enterprise.

Senior Citizens of Cordelia St. meet

The Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met March 20 at the HRDC building on Factory St.

Many of the members were busy with yard work and flowers on the beautiful Spring day.

Some members played dominoes, others walked to town, down town, and some just visited.

A delicious lunch was served to the following:

Mary Sully, Bonnie Wesley, Zedie Bouyer, Frank and Lennie McCollough, Aileen English, Iris McDowell, Mavin Matthews, Frances Shaboo, Mary Ann Brunson, Mary Harris, Mary Phillips, Marie Boting, and Wanda Sasser.



Laura Graham

Laura Graham to compete in State Spelling Bee

Laura Graham will represent Coffee County and Zion Chapel School in the 1997 State Spelling Bee this Saturday, March 29.

She is in the seventh grade.

Laura also represented Zion Chapel and Coffee County in the 1995 State Spelling Bee.

Burch-Whittington wedding held December 14th

Kathy Leigh Whittington and Jason Lee Burch exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 14, 1996, at the Little Mountain Wedding Chapel in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Billie T. Brooks of Montgomery, Mr. James K. Whittington of Georgiana, and Lee Melton and Mavis Burch of Elba.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held in a private dining room of a local restaurant.

Wedding guests in addition to parents of the couple were: Lawayne and Robbie Chappell of Panama City Beach, Fla.; Lavon and Kendall Chappell, Donald and Cleve Ammons, Elba; James and Shirley Burch, Robert and Pamela Myers of Atlanta, Ga.; Gary, Ruby and Josh Burch of Birmingham; and Gina Hunt of Montgomery.

Miss New Brockton Pageant set for May

The Miss New Brockton Pageant will be held May 17, at 5 p.m., at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

Entry forms may be picked up at New Brockton Elementary or High School.

Divisions of entry will be Miss New Brockton, ages 17-21; Teen Miss - Grades 9 - 11; Jr. Miss - Grades 6 - 8; Young Miss - Grades 2 - 5; Little Miss - 1st Grade Only.

The Miss and Little Miss Divisions are preliminaries for the National Peanut Festival Pageant.

The pageant is open to all girls either attending a New Brockton school or living at a New Brockton address.

For more information contact Amanda Thrasher - Home - 894-5434 or Office - 894-2350.



Mr. & Mrs. Jason Lee Burch

Round & About With Eria-897-2006

Scripture: Titus 3:1-15

***Thinking of you, praying for you:

Grover Belcher, M.C. Jones, J.C. Brooks, Elba M. Brooks, Lovie Hicks, Annie L. Coleman, Anthony Kelley, Zerrell Barnes, Frenell Kelley, Kelvin Belcher, Ada Jones, Penie Rhodes, Rev. H. Shy, Iris Tanks, Virginia McGowan, Gladys Minicy, Nunie Kelley, Angeline Germany.

Thursday night - Shady Grove A.M.E., Rocky Head Baptist, Greater New Zion and Poplar Springs Baptist Churches

Friday night - Oak Grove, New Glorious COGIC and Wooten Chapel

***Youth Revival - will be held March 24 - 26 at Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church in Elba, beginning at 7 o'clock each evening. Rev. Freddie L. Flowers is pastor.

Theme: "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11)

Order of Worship:

Devotional by visiting officers.

The visiting choir will render music.

The welcome (Monday only) will be by the youth director, Scripture by a youth, Rev. F.L. Flowers will present the evangelist, Rev. James A. Corbett, pastor of Florida-Lockart Circuit.

Offering, remarks and benediction

Monday night - Bethel A.M.E., Elba; Collins Chapel A.M.E., New Brockton; Johns Chapel A.M.E., Enterprise; Rocky Head, Elba; and Pea River Baptist, New Brockton.

Tuesday night - Elba Zion Baptist, Elba; St. Stephens A.M.E., Opp; New Zion Baptist, Elba; Mt. Calvary Baptist, Elba; and Poplar Springs Baptist, New Brockton.

Wednesday night - Oak Grove Baptist, Elba; Piney Grove Baptist, Opp; Memorial COGIC, New Brockton; St. Matthew A.M.E., Lockart; Bethel A.M.E., Florida, and Springfield Baptist, New Brockton.

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Sunday School will begin at 9:30 and regular order of worship at 10:45.

Rev. Peter Carter is associate pastor, and Rev. Ronnie Caldwell, associate pastor, officiating.

***African-American Youth Need to Know:

March - Monthly Motivation: Positive anything is better than Negative nothing - Lorraine Hansberry, playwright and activist.

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Pilgrim's Promise



The Williamson Family

Gospel Singing to be held at Tarentum Community Center

Two of northwest Florida's more popular Southern Gospel singing groups, Pilgrim's Promise and The Williamson Family, will be in concert on Saturday, April 12, at the Tarentum Community Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Tarentum Community Center

Shiloh Baptist Church observes Women's Day

Shiloh Baptist Church observed "Women's Day" on Sunday, March 16.

The women taught all the classes, led the devotionals, played the piano, led the singing and did the preaching.

Members report they received special blessings from the special day.

Everyone is invited.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J.E. Wesley

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Afternoon 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

Non Devotion WELB Monday thru Friday 12:05 - 12:25 p.m. Bill Beck

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Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH - Milton Harrington

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship 12:00 p.m.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Paron Golden

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

DOCKAS BAPTIST CHURCH - Donnie Marler

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST - Bill Beck, MINISTER

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Mom. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

THE SHEPHERD FOLD CHURCH OF GOD - Lamar Dean

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evangelistic Serv. 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

Elba United Methodist plans Good Friday services

The Elba United Methodist Church will have "Come and Go" Communion from 6 - 8 a.m. Friday, March 28. The pastor, Rev. Marvin Ennis, will be present to serve the elements and have prayer with all who attend.

All denominations are welcome to attend and participate.

On Friday night there will be a Tenebrae service at 7 o'clock.

The Tenebrae service is one of Light and Darkness - the darkness representing that which occurred when Jesus died, and also the efforts of the power of darkness to extinguish the Light of Christ.

In the return of the Light to the sanctuary it is made clear that the power of darkness did not succeed.

All persons are invited and welcome to attend these special services.

Community Easter Sunrise Service to be held at Westside Baptist Church

Westside Baptist Men will host the annual Community Easter Sunrise Service on March 30, 1997 at 5:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served following the service. The speaker for the service will be Rev. Marvin Ennis, pastor of Elba United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to this service and breakfast.

Good Friday Services to be held at St. Beulah Baptist Church

St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate Good Friday on March 28, with the theme "Pause for Power."

Seven area ministers will commemorate the "Seven Last Words of Jesus," beginning at 12 noon and ending at 3 p.m.

The public is invited.

Old Fashioned Singing to be held at Pleasant Ridge Church

There will be an Old Fashioned Singing at Pleasant Ridge Church, near Victoria, on Saturday, March 29, 1997 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

True Gospel Chapel to have guest speakers for Easter Services

Mr. Curt Chavers from Titus, Ala., will be preaching at the 11 a.m. Easter service Sunday, March 30, at True Gospel Chapel, 836 Troy Highway, Elba.

The message at the 6 p.m. service will be delivered by Mrs. Tammy Mahaffey, of Coffee County.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy these Easter services.

It is requested that those attending bring canned goods for the church's outreach ministry.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. W. L. Peterson
The Greater New Zion Baptist Church

HE IS ALIVE

As we come together this Sunday to celebrate Easter, let us be mindful of the fact that we are not celebrating a dead Savior, a dead Jesus, no, but we are celebrating the Resurrection of a live Savior! He is not on the cross nor in the tomb, but He has risen! If He had not risen, if He was still in the grave, my preaching would be in vain; it would be profitless, empty, futile, with no purpose, a waste of time, and you would be wasting your time as well, listening to me.

The heart of the Gospel is that He was raised on the third day morning.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the Gospel. You haven't preached unless you preach the resurrection of Jesus Christ. A dead redeemer is no redeemer at all. Jesus did get up that Sunday morning. He did come out of that tomb.

Some people think that the stone was rolled away so that Jesus could get out, but not so -- the stone was rolled away so that the disciples could get in.

If Jesus is dead, that means you're trusting in something that doesn't deserve faith. It is not enough to believe that Christ died unless you believe God raised Him from the dead. The Bible says "If thou shalt believe with thine heart the Lord Jesus and shall confess with thy mouth that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

In the book of Romans it says that "...He was shown to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead."

A young boy one day was told by his teacher to write an essay on the greatest living man in the world today. Some wrote on the president of the United States, some on congressmen and senators, and some about entertainers and sports figures; but the young boy wrote his paper on the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When the teacher read his paper, she said, "Son, this is a very good paper, but you must have misunderstood me; I said write on the world's greatest living man." The young boy responded, "Teacher, teacher, He is alive, He is alive, Jesus is alive!"

Everyone is invited.

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

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Letters to Editors Winners

Seventh grade literature classes were required to write "letters to the editors" to Carla Gray and Chastity Williams, editors of "Tiger Tales" in The Elba Clipper.

Mrs. Calhoun used local, state, and national examples to explain the use of and importance of news-papers.

Students in Mrs. Amison's and Mrs. Wise's classes used a vocabulary list and newspapers to find datelines, bylines and other news-paper terms.

A panel read and evaluated both classes' letters to the editor. The letters were well written and made specific points to express the writer's opinions about one of the following: School Uniforms, School Pride, or School Discipline.

The winners were: Mrs. Amison's third block: 1st - Sara Purvis; 2nd - La'Shon Robinson; 3rd - Olivia Perkins; Mrs. Wise's fourth block: 1st - Evan Maddox; 2nd - Casey Skinner; 3rd - Latasha Crawford; 4th - Stephanie Sasser.

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It's Another Morning

by Mandy Taylor

No, it can't be, it is not possible! Yes it is. It is another morning and you have to get up, get out of bed and get ready for another day. How do you get ready for another day? What is the very first thing you do each morning? We do not want to get too personal with this, but we want some "be honest with yourself" answers. Some of us, the optimistically challenged, reach for our glasses. Some of us reach for our robe, shoes, or some other article of clothing. Some reach for nothing, but head straight for the bathroom where more choices await us. Some make our way to the kitchen and once again, more choices are to be made. It is time to consider the choices we must make. Should we shower, brush our teeth or get dressed? What will we wear? Do we want cold cereal, pop tarts or just juice? Only five minutes have passed and we

have already made ten decisions. This is too much and we feel overwhelmed.

Some of us begin to consider the possibility of not getting up, but no way! There is too much to be done today: the big test, the ball game, the shopping spree and maybe someone will invite us to that special occasion. Plus, we have been warned not to be absent or tardy one more time. This thinking is wasting our time and we are headed for TARDY. We can deal with this morning. We have it down to a fine art. We get up as soon as the alarm sounds. No one has to beg us to rise and shine. We go through the personal hygiene routine, followed by a nourishing breakfast eaten at a leisurely pace. We select a clean and neatly pressed outfit to wear and realizing that we are ahead of schedule we sit and watch the morning news.

Remember we are going for honesty. Honestly, we do have a routine to help us handle morning. It is the most hectic routine known to man. We follow it each morning for five days a week and thirty six weeks a year. If we are lucky our routine gets us to school on time. If we are unlucky, our routine and how we deal with morning leads us to that dreaded place known as TSD!

Parents act like they do not have it. They keep saying things like, be still, be quiet, stop asking for money, you know you are going there, no, you can not miss school today, no, no, and no. They must think their words can cure what we have. Surely they had it when they were young.

Maybe that is the cure! Maybe you outgrow it. On second thought, I think my dad has it and he is old. I heard him talking about missing work to go fishing. My mom said something about she had rather take a trip to the lake and rest in the sun. This is depressing. I must be right about this. SPRING BREAK is the only cure for SPRING FEVER. That means we have to suffer another week with this ailment.

The annual Miss Spring Break pageant is just around the corner. It is open to a select few contestants. The senior boys are given the opportunity to strut their stuff. There are usually twelve to twenty contestants and they give the student body thirty minutes or more of laughter. The admission is one of the bargains of the day, \$1.00. The fringe benefits include getting out of class plus fun, fun and more fun!

Make your plans to attend the seventh Miss Spring Break pageant. You will be amazed at the transformation make-up and wigs make in people. Who will the next lucky "lady" to win the coveted title? Be there and see for yourself and have fun, fun and more fun!

It's A Fun Thing

by Mandy Taylor

It all started in the spring of 1991 and the first winner was none other than the now famous, Ronald McKinnon. Could this have launched his career? When he writes his memories will he include it among his great accomplishments? What is this fun thing?

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Co-Op Spotlight



ERIC SHADDIX

by Vanessa McCrany

Eric Shaddix is employed at Cauley's Store at Danley's Crossroads. His duties include farming, feeding cows, and working around the store. Eric works everyday from 6 to 9 a.m. Eric goes to work before coming to school, usually arriving just about time for breakfast.

Eric began working at Cauley's Store in August of 1996.



Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Julie Carter, Editor

Heather Vaughan, Editor

TSU Student Teacher

by Tiffany Lewis

Ms. Gwin Elizabeth Dye, a student at Troy State University, is interning at Zion Chapel High School.

Her supervising teacher is Mrs. Sonya K. Shaw, instructor of senior high English.

Ms. Dye has earned a degree in Psychology and Speech and is working towards earning a master's degree in Language Arts for Secondary Education. When the work for her master's degree is completed she plans to travel in order to find a teaching job. Ms. Dye is from Troy, Alabama and is the oldest of two children. She has a brother who is 19 years old. When asked about how she feels about working at Zion Chapel High, she said that it is a very nice school.



Betas Attend Convention

by Heather Vaughan

Competing in academic competitions, attending general sessions, and meeting new people were some activities of the Z.C. Betas while attending the annual Beta State Convention. Twelve Zion Chapel members attended the convention which was held in Birmingham.

While at the convention, the Zion Chapel Betas competed in both academic and talent competitions. Angie Bright competed in science, Wyndi Rugg competed in Spanish, Heather Vaughan competed in mathematics, and Morgan Hodge sang "Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb" for the talent competition.

After arriving at the Sheraton Hotel, the members and their sponsor, Mrs. Sonya K. Shaw, went to the civic center where most of the activities were being held. There, Morgan represented Zion Chapel in the talent competition.

Later that evening, the Betas attended the third general session where the new state officers were installed. Also, awards were presented to the winners of the academic and talent competitions. An annual dance, to which all Be-

tas look forward, was held after the session.

The next morning the Betas and Mrs. Shaw ate a big breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Birmingham as an end to the trip. When asked how she enjoyed the trip, one Beta said, "I speak for all the Z.C. Betas when I say that we all had a great time. We can't wait to go again next year."

by Timothy Aleuri

Zion Chapel Elementary School is having a Do Dads Month to try to get the fathers of students involved in their children's school activities. The fathers can choose from several different things to do with their children. They can read a story, put up a bulletin board, tell about their job, bring a craft to share and/or do with the class, or they can just come to eat lunch with their child. Dads, if you have not received a letter from Zion Chapel Elementary School about Do Dads, you can contact Bob Andrews, principal; Shirley Goodson, McGuffin instructor; or Deborah Herron, elementary counselor.

Steer Show

by Julie Carter

The 1997 Coffee County 4-H and FFA Steer Show was recently held in the New Brockton Farm Center. Julie Carter, Daniel Pridgen, and Keri Hobbs, three Zion Chapel students, participated in this event.

Plaques were given to all the senior showmen that will graduate this spring. Julie Carter received a plaque as did four Kinston seniors.

Students participating in the Showmanship competition were divided by age. Keri Hobbs won third place in the Junior Showmanship class.

The steers were divided into four different classes based on their weight. Keri won a place in her steer's weight class.

The Coffee County Steer Show annually holds a special class called the "Native Class" at the end of the show. Only steers bred and born in Coffee County are allowed to enter this class. Of the 26 calves at the show, approximately ten were in the Native Class. Keri Hobbs and her steer Spitzer won Grand Champion Native Calf. Keri's calf was bred and born on Bozeman Farms, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Max Bozeman of Elba, Alabama.

Jr. Nationals

by Courtney Moran

In the hopes of spotlighting their basketball abilities, Courtney Moran and Andre Flowers went to Alabama University to compete in Junior Nationals. Courtney and Andre are seniors and basketball players at Zion Chapel High School.

Junior Nationals gives high school basketball players the opportunity to show their abilities to scouts in hopes of getting recruited. The event also gives the players a chance to be chosen for a team that will go to Columbus, Ohio, to compete in Nationals.

The basketball players were divided into several teams with each team playing three games. Courtney and Andre will get the results of the competition soon.

All About Future Homemakers of America

by Tiffany Lewis

Since 1945, Future Homemakers of America (FHA/HERO) has been a non-profit national vocational student organization for young men and women who have taken or are taking a home economics course. As one of the nation's largest vocational student organizations, FHA is open to students of all races and religious beliefs.

The emblem is the octagon, representing the eight FHA/HERO purposes. The name of the organization forms the upper part of the border and the motto forms the lower part. The letters FHA/HERO, in the center of the emblem, represent the words Future Homemakers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations. The rays on the emblem represent outreach into the community and world. Red and white are the colors of the emblem as well as the colors of FHA.

Red symbolizes strength, courage, and determination. White symbolizes purity of purpose and integrity of action. The flower of FHA/HERO is the red rose. This represents a desire of beauty in everyday living.

The mission of FHA/HERO is to promote personal growth and leadership development through home economics education. FHA/HERO focuses on the multiple roles of family members, wage earners, and community leaders. Through this organization members develop skills for everyday life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and vocational preparation.

The organization has eight purposes which are to provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life, to strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society, to encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community, to encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve

global cooperation and harmony, to promote greater understanding between youth and adults, to provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities, to prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society, and to promote home economics, home economics careers, and related occupations.

The FHA/HERO national headquarters is located in Reston, Virginia.

FHA Wins In Star Events

by Tiffany Lewis

Two members of the Zion Chapel Future Homemakers of America Chapter competed at the Star Events which was held in Tuscaloosa. Star Events is what FHA members call their district conference and like other vocational clubs they compete at various competitions.

Ashley Laney, senior, competed in Illustrated Story for the Senior Division and won first place. In the Illustrated Story competition, contestants were given an hour to read a children's story and prepare for presentation, which is done by acting out the children's story while reading it in front of judges. When presenting the story the contestant had to give an introduction, body, conclusion, and an interview. Each contestant was given a box with props and 15 minutes to

present their story.

Angie Laney, sophomore, competed in the Reading Story for the Senior Division and won third place. In the Reading Story competition, contestants were given 45 minutes to prepare for presenting the story as a teacher would do in a classroom. This includes getting students involved and asking questions about the story. The presentation was given in front of judges. Contestants in this competition also had to present a introduction, body, conclusion, and an interview.

"This is the first time our Future Homemakers of America chapter won something at Star Events and I am very proud of Ashley and Angie," said Mrs. Joan Hobbs, FHA sponsor.

ZC Students In Tri-States Steer Show

by Julie Carter

The 61 Annual Tri-States Beef Cattle Show, sponsored by the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, was recently held at the Houston County Farm Center. Julie Carter and Keri Hobbs, two Zion Chapel students, participated in this event.

Upon arriving at the Farm Center all the calves were weighed and checked-in by representatives of the Alabama Extension Service and the Alabama Vocational Department.

The show, which is a two-day event, is divided into two different contests: showmanship and individual calves by weight classes. The showmanship contest was divided into four classes: Class 1 (9-11 year olds), Class 2 (12-13 year olds), Class 3 (14-15 year olds), and Class 4 (16 and years old or older). Each contestant had to show their own steer. The steers had to be washed, dried, and shown in their natural condition. Keri Hobbs, a member of the Zion Chapel 4-H club, won fourth place in Class 1.

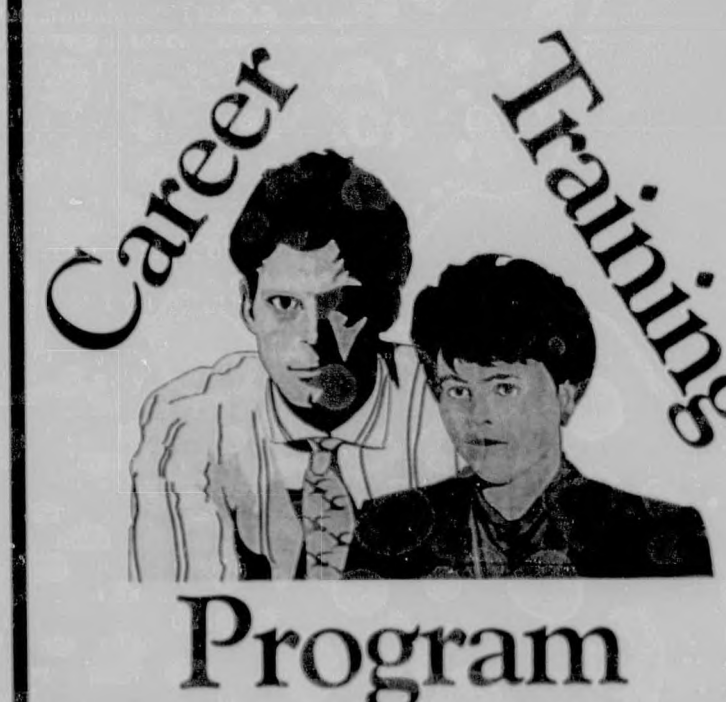
The steers were shown in a total of 16 weight classes, based on the entry weight. Each group of light-weights, medium-weights, light-heavy-weights, and heavy-weights was divided into four weight classes. Keri Hobbs won fourth place in her class of light heavy-weights, with her steer weighing 1180 pounds. Julie Carter won fifth place in her class



Pictured above (l-r) are: Keri Hobbs and Julie Carter

of light-weights with her steer weighing 1030 pounds. Julie Carter also won third place in her class of heavy-weights, with her steer weighing 1315 pounds. The Tri-States Beef Cattle show was open to students from Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston counties in Southeast Alabama. The show was also open to students from Early, Miller, and Seminole counties in Georgia, as well as students from Jackson, Holmes, and Washington counties in Florida. To be eligible to compete in The Tri-States Beef Cattle show, a student must be an active member of 4-H, FFA, or FHA.

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worth noted that in the proposed grant was funds for a new vehicle, not to exceed \$25,000.

The Elba Police Department would get 13% of any confiscated funds from the task force.

Will Jordan, CEO of Coffee County Emergency Medical Services, addressed the council with an outline of the firm's plans for emergency medical transfers from the local hospital, etc. He noted the firm wasn't competing with the rescue squad, but would assist them if asked.

He said the firm has an agreement with Elba General Hospital to do all the local transfers to other hospitals. Jordan said the firm would be offering 24 hour paramedic service, with a 60 second response time during the day and three minutes response at night. The firm is located next to Hardee's, in the building with Liberty National Insurance.

The city council approved a contract for \$111,467.25 to Floyd Construction Co., of Troy, for the construction of the school access road from Taylor Mill Road. At the recommendation of Mayor Grimes, the council accepted the contract with

all three alternates, including turn lanes on Taylor Mill Road. Grimes noted the safety of Elba citizens made this option a necessity.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported all sewer taps on the sewer improvement project have been completed. He added that a "finder wire" was placed over every inch of the new lines and a clean-out had been installed on each end of the household connections.

Jim Hamilton addressed the city council with a petition signed by many of the residents on Cedar Lane Drive. They were protesting the installation of additional mobile homes on a new street off Cedar Lane.

Mayor Grimes explained that the property was zoned R-4 and trailers were legal. He added that if they wanted it changed, they would have to approach the Planning and Zoning

board. The petitioners were concerned that the additional traffic on the street would be a hazard, even though new speed limit signs have been installed.

Council member Ronnie Hammond reported complaints from homeowners on "old Highway 84" said that was a utility board problem, and he would see they got the information.

Council member Harold Bannin asked if the matter of the 4 1/2-day work week, which was turned down two weeks ago, could be discussed again.

Council member John W. Sharpless made a motion for the department heads, the mayor and city clerk to work out the situation. His motion died for lack of a second.

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or whether or not he would serve on the committee himself.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley brought it to the attention of the commissioners that the previous commission had authorized an "estimated" \$30,000.00 for repairs and/or remodeling of the mapping and appraisal offices.

He stated that invoices on the renovation now total more than \$35,000.00. Mobley requested a motion by the present commission allowing the previous amount of \$30,000.00 be exceeded.

The amount covers only the materials and outside contractor work done on the building. The county maintenance crew has been doing the majority of the renovation work.

The commission passed the motion requested by Mobley. During the general business ses-

sion from the commissioners, Commissioner Brooks requested that local legislators be asked to pass on state level job openings in the local area to all the news media in the county.

According to Brooks, these job announcements are placed in the hands of the local legislators even before they are made public. This allows them to let their constituents know about these job openings.

Commissioner Westbrook, reverting back to the screening committee, stressed that she would like to see a present employee with the county, providing they meet the job qualifications, hired as the county maintenance supervisor.

She also noted that she would like the hiring process be in compliance with the county employee's handbook.



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School in Florence, Ala., and is a junior at Samford University, majoring in Human Development/Family Studies.

Alison's platform is "Benefits of Hospice Care with Emphasis on Grief Support Among Youthful Survivors."

The Junior Miss and Miss Elba pageants will be held Saturday, April 19.

Emcee at these pageants will be Carrie Johnson, of WSFA-TV's "Today in Alabama."

Rob Hudson will provide entertainment for Junior Miss and Miss Elba.

Miss McCreary will meet with contestants of all four pageants on Friday, April 18, at 5 p.m. at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast.

Pageant admission is \$3 for students and \$4 adults. For more information on any aspect of the pageants call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

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an 18-wheeler reported that his truck had been struck by a water balloon on Wednesday morning, March 19.

The driver told sheriff's deputies that the object was thrown from a small pickup truck traveling in the opposite direction. The incident occurred on AL Hwy. 134 just west of the Perry Store community.

Sheriff Moates stated that the boys were arrested after they were identified by victims in a similar incident which happened in Kinston. All three are reportedly students at Kinston High School.

"They apparently didn't do this in a malicious way," Sheriff Moates said. He stated that the boys apparently did not realize that the combined speeds of the oncoming vehicle and their truck would turn the water balloon into a dangerous flying object. It shattered the windshield of the tractor-trailer.

The three youths will be tried in juvenile court.

Work begins on U.S. Hwy 84

The Alabama Department of Transportation, through this news release, is informing motorists that H&L Construction, Inc. will be redoing construction work on U.S. Hwy. 84 in Elba beginning Wednesday March 26, 1997 (yesterday).

The company will be replacing guardrails at the Beaverdam Creek bridge and placing traffic striping on the Pea River Bridge.

All necessary traffic control devices have been installed and will remain on the project until all work has ceased.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiries concerning the work should be directed to the following: Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, @ (334)566-4541; Mark Graham, District Engineer, @ (334)347-8166; or Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, @ (334)899-4111.



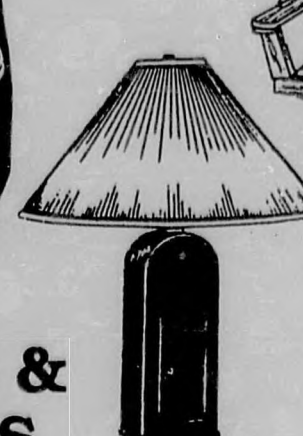
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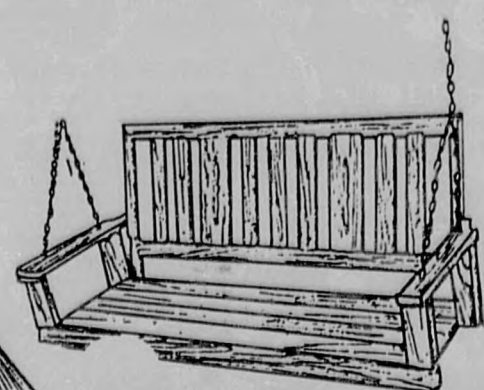


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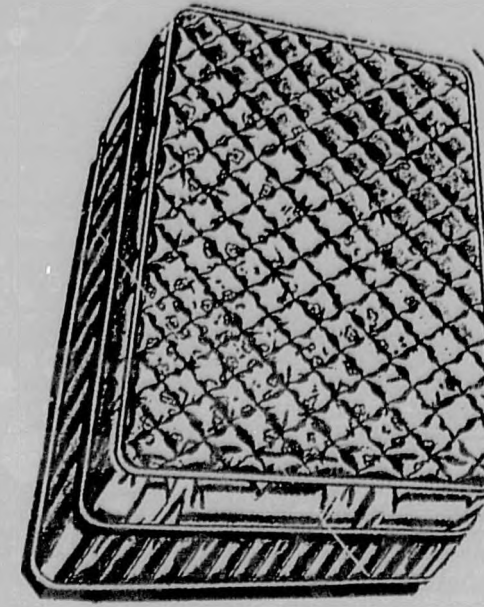
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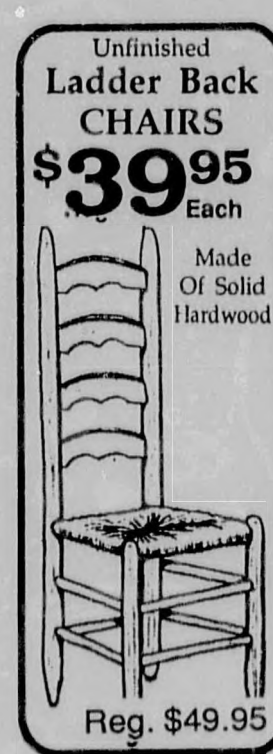
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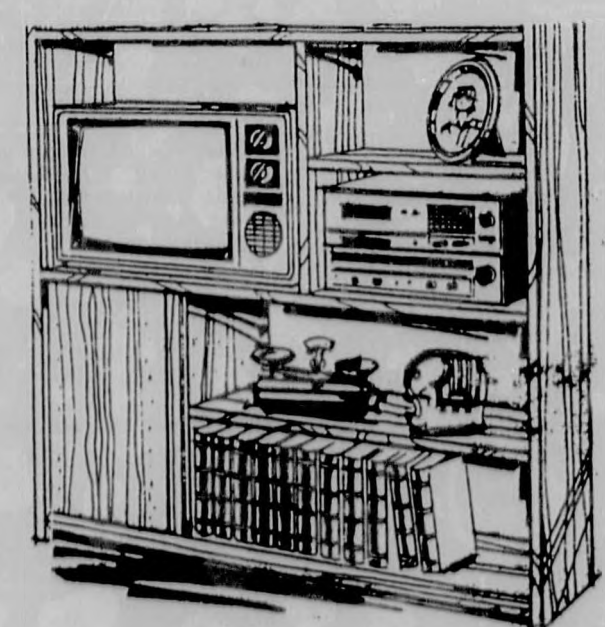


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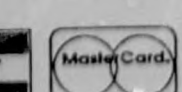
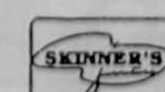
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